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Permission by CBI to register case against CMD of Maruti Udyog Limited

2051. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has sought permission to register a case against the Chairman-cum-Managing Director of Maruti Udyog Limited;

(b) what were the allegations against the CMD of the Maruti Udyog Limited;

(c) whether Government had given permission for registering a case in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITION AL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF IN DUSTRY ((DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI) : (a) to (d) The re. quired information is furnished in the Statement attached.

Statement

Some allegations have been received against the then Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Maruti Udyog Limited which are listed below:

(i) Irregular award of contract for transportation of SKD & CKD components from Kandla port to Gurgaon.

(ii) Irregular award of contract for purchase of air-conditioners.

(iii) Award of contract for Rent-a-Car Scheme.

(iv) Purchase of land at Bhondsi at high price.

(v) Irregular allotment of dealership at Ghaziabad.

(vi) Import of Car Kits and their disposal a$_s$ scrap.

(vii) Causing loss to the company and foreign exchange loss to the country by deliberately importing components which were not required.

(viii) Corruption in cooperation with Citi Bank of USA.

(ix) Mis-appropriation of funds by dealer in Hyderabad collected on behalf of Maruti.

(x) Allegations of missing vehicles.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has enquired into two specific allegations mentioned at (i) and (ii) above. As regards the first case, CBI has requested for Governments permission to register a regular case against Shri R. C. Bhargava, the then CMD, MUL and others under the Provision of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988. In the second case, CBI has requested for Government's permission to conduct prelimi-many inquiry into the matter. CBIs request on both the cases is under consideration of the Government. The other allegations are also being looked into by the Government.

Production of salt

2052. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVA-JI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) v/hat is th$_e$ cost of production of common salt and table salt what is their sale prices; and

(b) how many companies are producing table salt?

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